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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Andrew Ellington

Serial No.: 09/776,252

Filed: February 2, 2001

For: SIGNALING APTAMERS THAT
TRANSDUCE MOLECULAR
RECOGNITION TO A DIFFERENTIAL
SIGNAL

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: B.J. Forman

Atty. Dkt. No.: CLFR:200US

RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 21, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated June 21, 2005, for which the three-month deadline for response was September 21, 2005. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to December 21, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with the required fee. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard as evidence of receipt.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

A Request for Extension of Time begins on page 7.

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